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SUBJECT: FRG REQUEST RE EXTENSION OF BWC TO BERLIN

REF: A) STATE 42885; B) BONN 3012

1. AFTER MAKING APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH HERE AND INFORMING THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE THAT, SINCE BWC A MATTER FOR TRIPARTITE DECISION, THE US REPLY TO FEBRUARY 19 FRG AIDE MEMOIRE ON BWC WOULD BE MADE IN BONN GROUP, SUBJECT WAS PUT ON APRIL 29 AGENDA. US REP BRIEFLY REVIEWED HISTORY OF AND US POSITION ON SUBJECT, INCLUDING DECEMBER 1973 DISCUSSIONS AND TWO FRG AIDES MEMOIRE. HE SAID US HAD AGAIN CAREFULLY RECONSIDERED MATTER, AND HAD COME TO SAME CONCLUSION: US COULD NOT AGREE TO BWC EXTENSION. REGARDING A POINT OF APPARENTLY SOME CONCERN TO SENAT, HE ADDED, BWC ARTICLE 10 DID NOT CONFER ANY NEW RIGHTS UPON STATES PARTIES, BUT RATHER ASSURED PRESERVATION OF THOSE ALREADY HELD. FRG REP SAID BONN HAD APPROACHED US BILATERALLY SINCE IT APPEARED ONLY US WAS OPPOSED TO

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EXTENSION. HE ASKED OTHER REPS FOR POSITION OF THEIR

AUTHORITIES. UK REP RESPONDED THAT LONDON DID NOT THINK
EXTENSION NECESSARY, BUT COULD AGREE.

2. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) SAID FRENCH HELD TO DECEMBER
1973 POSITION: ABSOLUTE OPPOSITION. PARIS SHARED US
VIEW THAT BWC ESSENTIALLY DEALT WITH SECURITY AND
DISARMAMENT. FURTHER, AS NON-PARTICIPANT IN BWC, FRANCE
COULD NEVER ACCEPT ARGUMENT THAT ARTICLE 10 OF BWC
CONFERRED ANY NEW RIGHTS REGARDING PEACEFUL USE COOPERA-
TION. BOISSIEU SAID HE HAD TOLD FRG FONOFF ARMS CONTROL
OFFICER SAME THING ON MARCH 3 WHEN LATTER INVITED HIM IN
ON SUBJECT. FRG REP (KASTRUP) ACKNOWLEDGED THERE HAD
BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING IN DECEMBER 1973, SAID HE WOULD
REPORT, BUT IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT BWC WAS A DEAD ISSUE.

3. REGARDING BK/L (73) 6, WHICH PREVENTED AUTOMATIC
ADOPTION IN BERLIN AFTER 21-DAY PERIOD, FRG REP WAS
ASKED PREFERENCE AS TO WHETHER BONN WOULD WISH TO HAVE
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION WITHDRAWN OR WHETHER THERE WAS
DESIRE FOR ALLIES TO ISSUE NEGATIVE BK/L. KASTRUP SAID
HE WOULD REPORT. UK LEGAL ADVISOR (EDWARDS) SAID PERHAPS
BEST COURSE WAS TO SIMPLY LET BK/L (73) 6 STAND AND ALLOW
MATTER TO DIE QUIETLY. HE SAID HIS EXPERIENCE WAS THAT
SEVERAL "HOLDING" BK/LS OF SIMILAR NATURE REMAIN ON BOOKS
IN BERLIN, SO SUCH A COURSE WOULD NOT BE A NEW DEPARTURE.

4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: TO KEEP MATTER FROM
POSSIBLY ARISING AGAIN, WE ARE INCLINED TO
FIRMLY NAIL THIS DOWN BY EITHER WITHDRAWAL OF EXTENSION
REQUEST OR ISSUANCE OF NEGATIVE BK/L. WE WOULD APPRE-
CIATE USBER'S ASSESSMENT.
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